



## **Bay**

### *Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome*

With an exceptionally small body and the first name Bay, the nickname "Shrimp" seems rather fitting to many. Bay is a little guy because of his disease; he goes along with the nickname simply to see the smiles it brings to others.

At just 2 years of age, Bay was diagnosed with Shwachman-Diamond syndrome, an inherited bone marrow failure disease. Having endured over 20 hospitalizations, Bay has got to know his hospital staff well. His likeable and cooperative temperament makes the nurses "fight" over who gets to take care of him while he's in the hospital.

Bay is a happy, well-rounded kid who excels in school, enjoys baseball and plays violin in his school orchestra. He also sports a resilient attitude that inspires those around him to fight their own battles with courage and optimism.

Bay dreams of being a creative performer when he grows up. With his drive, determination and a knack for overcoming life's hurdles, he is poised to do anything.